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ECUADOR.

Report from Guayaquil—Status of plague—Commission appointed for maritime and land quarantine service and the prevention of plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

The following is received from Vice-Consul-General Jones, through the Department of State, under date of March 30:

Bubonic plague has continued to increase, so that at present there are from 8 to 10 new cases received daily in the pesthouse, and other cases are occurring throughout the city.

The government has recently appointed a commission consisting of four members, with Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, as chairman, to have supervision of maritime and land quarantine and to take measures for the prevention of plague, smallpox, and yellow fever. (See Public Health Reports, April 3, 1908, page 423.)

Report from Quito—Plague along the line of the Guayaquil and Quito Railway.

The following is received from Minister Fox, under date of March 21:

Cases of bubonic plague have been reported as existing along the line of the Guayaquil and Quito Railway at points near Quito. The municipal government of this city has already taken steps to meet the eventuality of the disease appearing here.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Puerto Barrios, fruit port—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions—Yellow fever previously reported at Chiquimula.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wailes reports as follows:

Week ended April 7. Present officially estimated population, 300. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessels.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 5	Bradford	41	0	0
7	Mobila	49	35

April 2. The general health conditions at Livingston and Puerto Barrios are good. The fever which prevailed at Chiquimula was unquestionably yellow fever, and prevailed to a much greater extent, and with a greater fatality, than was reported. Chiquimula is a town of about 5,000 or 6,000 inhabitants, situated about 20 miles off the railroad. It has very little communication with this port.

Week ended April 4. Vessels and passengers inspected at this station:

Vessels, New Orleans	1
Vessels, Mobile	1
Passengers, New Orleans.....	6
Passengers, Mobile	1

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Plague death at Hilo bacteriologically confirmed—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports, April 20: A death from plague that occurred at Hilo, April 6, has been bacteriologically confirmed.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports that during the week ended March 28, 176 rats were examined bacteriologically at the plague laboratory of the Service at Honolulu. No plague infection found.

HONDURAS.

Report from Ceiba, fruit port—Water supply inadequate.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jumel reports as follows: Week ended April 7. Present officially estimated population, 6,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The small rainfall during the past month has nearly exhausted the town supply of good drinking water.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 2	Viator	17	0	0
4	Joseph Vaccaro.....	31	2	0

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Antimosquito work continued—Stegomyia calopus not numerous.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reports as follows: Week ended April 4. Present officially estimated population, about 2,400. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country very good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 2	Corinto	New Orleans	29	6	17
4	Alabama	Mobile	17	1	0